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## Brandon family shares in missions honor

By William H. Perkins Jr.  
Editor

If Mississippi Baptists one day decide to declare a First Family of missions education, it could well be the Coles of Brandon.

"Every year that Mississippi Baptists have had an Acteens Panel, this house has had a panelist," Mom Becky proudly points out.

Oldest daughter Katie was a member of multiple Mississippi Acteens Panels, and Kimberly is serving her second term as a state panelist.

Capping three generations of intense, hands-on missions education involvement, Kimberly was recently tapped to serve as a National Acteens Panelist — one of only six young women selected from across the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) to serve as pages at the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting in June at the New Orleans Superdome and at the national Woman's Missionary Union (WMU) meeting that is held just prior to the SBC annual meeting.

She has also been invited to speak at the WMU meeting.

The Coles are members of First Church, Brandon. They joined that church after moving to the area in the early 90s from Petal, where they attended Carterville Church.

The state and national panel recognitions are an acknowledgement that the young women are unsurpassed in their dedication to missions and missions education in their churches, the state, and around the world, according to Kay Cassibry, executive director of the Mississippi WMU which sponsors the annual state Acteens Panel.

"We are so proud of Kimberly and her family. Many worthy young women are considered for these panels, but only a few a chosen each year.

"Kimberly is simply outstanding in her dedication to missions education, and she

For her senior year, she plans to double-enroll at both Brandon High School and Hinds Community College to get a jump start on her higher education.

Kimberly assists her sister in teaching Mission Friends to five-year-olds at First Church, Brandon, rather than attending the numerous other activities for young people that occur at the same time.

"I would rather teach love of missions to children. I've been around missions all my life, and I want to pass on my love of missions," she said.

For many years, Kimberly has been involved in a number of mission trips and ministry projects — locally, in the State of Mississippi, and out-of-state.

Becky Cole, a registered nurse and graduate of Baptist-affiliated William Carey College in Hattiesburg, is firm in her belief that missions education should be an integral part of every Mississippi Baptist church.

"When we moved to Brandon, I called all the churches and asked about Acteens, because we wanted to join a church with a strong program. I was surprised that many of the churches put little, if any, emphasis on missions education.

"How are we going to develop missionaries without missions education, and how are we going to reach lost people without missionaries?" Becky asked.

"It's a wonderful program. Sometimes it's hard work, but our children need to learn about missions," she said.

**STRONG FOUNDATION** — National Acteen Panelist Kimberly Cole (second from right) of Brandon gets plenty of support for her mission endeavors from parents Lloyd (right) and Becky (second from left), as well as older sister Katie. (Photo by William H. Perkins Jr.)

comes from an outstanding family. When we go to national meetings and people are talking about the Coles from Mississippi, we all sit a little higher in our chairs," Cassibry said.

Kimberly is a junior at Brandon High School, where she is a member of the choir, show choir, ensemble, Beta Club, Mu Alpha Theta mathematics honorary, and Who's Who Among American High School Students.

She will spend the upcoming summer as a staffer at Camp Garaywa, Mississippi Baptists' GA campground in Clinton.

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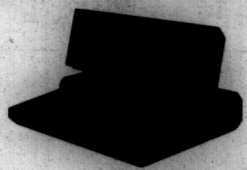
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# Sixty years ahead of his time

**A**n open letter from the great beyond to Newsweek magazine columnist Anna Quindlen:

For some time now the abortion industry has been growing increasingly desperate as advancements in science and medicine continually push back the date at which human life in the womb can be indisputably recognized as such. I have been gravely concerned.

That witless trimester system of human development, magically crafted out of thin air by the the U.S. Supreme Court as they redefined the Constitution in favor of abortion rights, was a real coup.

It has long been classroom laughingstock in the medical schools of this country, but it was still a coup.

Undeterred, abortion supporters argued that the "fetus" wasn't actually alive — until someone pointed out that if it wasn't alive, it wouldn't have to be killed to prevent further growth.

"No matter," they continued, "a barely-organized blob of tissue stuck to the side of a woman's uterus really can't be considered human."

That is, until ultrasound and other remarkable advances in diagnostic medicine revealed a microscopic portion of that "blob" unmistakably contracting in the faintest of heartbeats only a few weeks after conception.

Those same diagnostic advances have allowed the detection of brain waves, limbs, and eye color. Those advances have also allowed us to view abortion in real time, as it is inflicted.

Even as the case against abortion continued to mount, scientists began to discern an obvious link between abortion and a host of emotional and physical maladies — including cancer. The evidence has now reached a stage of almost complete irrefutability.

Then there was that Samuel Armas story. You remember — the little boy who was photographed reaching from his mother's womb and clutching the surgeon's finger. Since everyone knew from that photo he wasn't just a blob of tissue, I

thought for sure he would signal the death knell for state-approved infanticide in your country.

It seemed one pro-abortion argument after the other was demolished as soon as it was proffered. The defeats for the abortion industry have been devastating, so much so that any other industry would probably have gone out of business.

Your Newsweek column in the April 9 issue gave me new hope, however.

In your column, you advanced the idea that body parts from aborted children should be used for ghoulis experiments that might somehow lead to treatments for a variety of ailments including diabetes, Parkinson's Disease, and Alzheimer's Disease.

You wrote that this argument instills the deepest kind of fear in those anti-abortion zealots. "It's the fear that the use of fetal tissue to produce cures for debilitating ailments might somehow launder the process of terminating a pregnancy, a positive result from what many people still see as a negative act..."

"It may be an oversimplification to say that real live loved ones trump the imagined unborn, that a cluster of undifferentiated cells due to be discarded anyway is a small price to pay for the health and welfare of millions. Or perhaps it is only a simple commonsensical truth."

Brilliant! What a magnificent manipulation of language! I could not have twisted the 'truth' so eloquently, even in my prime — and I was good at mass rationalization, you know.

Needless to say, I have always been a big advocate of using people "due to be dis-



**GRIP ON LIFE** — 21-week-old Samuel Armas reaches from his mother's womb and clutches a surgeon's finger during surgery to correct a spina bifida defect at Vanderbilt Medical School in Nashville. Baby Samuel, who could have been aborted and legally used for body parts, is now a thriving toddler. (Photo courtesy of vanguardmag.com)

carded anyway." They have no voice, those pesky politicians ignore them since they have no money, and they have no way to defend themselves.

Best of all, the public is always eager to avert their eyes from the slaughter, as long as you tickle their ears with assurances about their ever-rising lifestyle and position in the community.

Trust me. They won't care as long as their bellies are full, even as the ashes fall all around them.

You and your pro-abortion friends should heed my advice because you're hanging by a thread, ideologically speaking. Hold fast to your intellectual dishonesty; it's pretty much all you have left, but the public will buy it anyway (see above).

Please don't fail me. America is my last hope to convince the people here that I was merely sixty years ahead of my time.

Your admiring Angel of Death,  
Dr. Josef Mengele

## GUEST OPINION:

### One of the Lord's 'mysterious ways'

By Webb Armstrong, pastor  
Sarepta Church, Meadville

The church had grown from those 30 people to almost 300 people, and the building was far along toward completion. They were outgrowing their building faster than they could build it! (What a problem to have.)

This was simply a result of the people's willingness to work hard and to be faithful to what God had called this church to do — reach the lost for Christ.

Many of the folks around our area refer to me as the "crazy preacher who rides the motorcycle." Many of my friends are members of a group known as the Christian Motorcycle Association (CMA). The sole purpose of this group is to take the Gospel into the motorcycle world and beyond.

God had impressed upon me that he could use these motorcycles to help the church in Choix finish the work they had started, so I put together a motorcycle run to do just that. I had no experience in doing this but God proved he can use a willing heart.

After much prayer and counsel, The Solomon Run was born. The Scripture text we claim is 1 Kings 6: 11-14.

On May 1, about 12 motorcyclists will pull out of the Meadville area with a destination of Choix, Mexico, in four days. The trip will cover almost 2000 miles (one way), and after a three-night revival we will head home.

The total trip will be a ten-day journey that will keep us moving from state to state.

If you can just think of how it would catch your eye for a pack of a dozen bikes to go through the streets of any small Mississippi town, just think how it will catch the eye of those that have never seen a motorcycle like that before.

This will be a perfect chance for us to share the Gospel and invite them to the worship services. If these men and these machines can gain the attention of one lost soul to hear the Gospel, then the trip will be worth it.

The men on this trip are from all parts of Mississippi, and all are members of CMA. They have different backgrounds, different ages, different denominations, but they all serve one Lord!

I ask that Mississippi Baptists keep us in their prayers as we travel and witness on this mission trip.

**Editor's note: For more information on The Solomon Run, contact Armstrong at Sarepta Church, Rt. 1 Box 117 -A, Meadville, MS 39653. Telephone: (601) 384-2035. E-mail: browebb@telepak.net**







# MBCB broadcast head Blankenship retires

By Tim Nicholas  
Staff Writer

Farrell Blankenship, director of Broadcast Services for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board (MBCB) for 17 years, retired at the end of February.

Blankenship, whose home is in Clinton with his wife Joann, came to the convention board in 1983 from First Church, Hattiesburg, where he was minister of education and media. He also served as general manager of the cable television ministry for the church.

As manager of Cable 6, Blankenship developed and

hosted Popcorn Theater from 1977-83. He showed Western movies and during intermission, he gave devotional messages.

At MBCB, Blankenship was instrumental in the development of the Mississippi Baptists in Broadcasting (MBIB) organization; helped churches with Baptist Telecommunications Network (BTN)



Blankenship

and American Christian Television System (ACTS) cable programming; and was responsible for the production of Vessels, the convention board video magazine.

Blankenship, a native of Erwin, Tenn., is a graduate of East Tennessee State University at Johnson City, and earned the master of religious educa-

tion degree from Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth. He also took graduate courses in radio, television, and film at the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg.

Blankenship said he plans to accept humorous speaking engagements at church banquets and other activities. He also plans to supply preach on Sundays as opportunities arise.

"It's been a great, uplifting, and challenging experience (at MBCB), and I shall always be grateful to God and Mississippi Baptists. I look forward to a new era in ministry," Blankenship said.

## Prayer Day for Vietnam slated May 6

RICHMOND, Va. (BP) — Southern Baptist workers with a heart for Vietnam are asking Christians worldwide to join in an International Day of Prayer for Vietnam May 6. Of the 54 people groups that comprise Vietnam's 78 million people, one group — the Kinh — has more than 23 million people who do not know Jesus.

"Pray that the Holy Spirit will blaze in the hearts of the believers in Vietnam and give them perseverance," workers said. "Also pray that salvation will flow through the unreached people groups," said a Southern Baptist worker in Southeast Asia.

## Cup-filling chore revved up at Pinelake Church

BRANDON, Miss. (BP) — With up to 1,700 worshipers attending three Sunday morning services, monthly communion preparation at Pinelake Church, Brandon, used to take at least an hour.

The job has been sliced to 15-20 minutes with a dispensing system that can fill 40 half-ounce cups in two seconds, according to executive pastor Larry Herndon.

"We're using it and loving the stew out of it," Herndon said. "I would love to have a patent on that thing."

That isn't possible, since retired engineer Wil Greenlee of Louisville, Ky., acquired one in December. The 77-year-old inventor designed his invention to meet the needs at one of the nation's largest mega-churches.

He claims to have invested so many hours in the project that he will be lucky if he ever breaks even, and adds he did it with missions in mind.

"I thought, 'If I can build this and get it into a number of mega-churches, there will be far more missions done than I could do on a one-on-one basis,'" said Greenlee, a member of Southeast Christian Church in Louisville.

"If I release people for other missionary work, that's as good as I could do," he said. Greenlee's invention is a time-saver,

said Darren Walter, guest services minister at Southeast Christian Church. "Several people have had time freed up to be involved in other things."

The church's move into a 9,100-seat sanctuary two years ago provided Greenlee's inspiration. Southeast needed to reduce weekly communion preparation time since it was trimming five weekend services to three.

The Missouri native, who quit school at 14 to help manage the family farm during the Depression, spent more than two years perfecting his invention. After scrapping several elements, he settled on brushed aluminum for the innards, with stainless steel layered on each side of the pot.

He decided on plastic tubing, after running tests that showed it could withstand more than 13 years of use.

However, the system is only halfway complete. By next year he hopes to fine-tune a mechanical device that will load cups into trays prior to filling. That will likely double the \$2,995 cost.

"The Holy Spirit must have helped me," Greenlee said of the tinkering that resolved the initial imperfections. "I can't stand failure and my subconscious just kept going for answers."

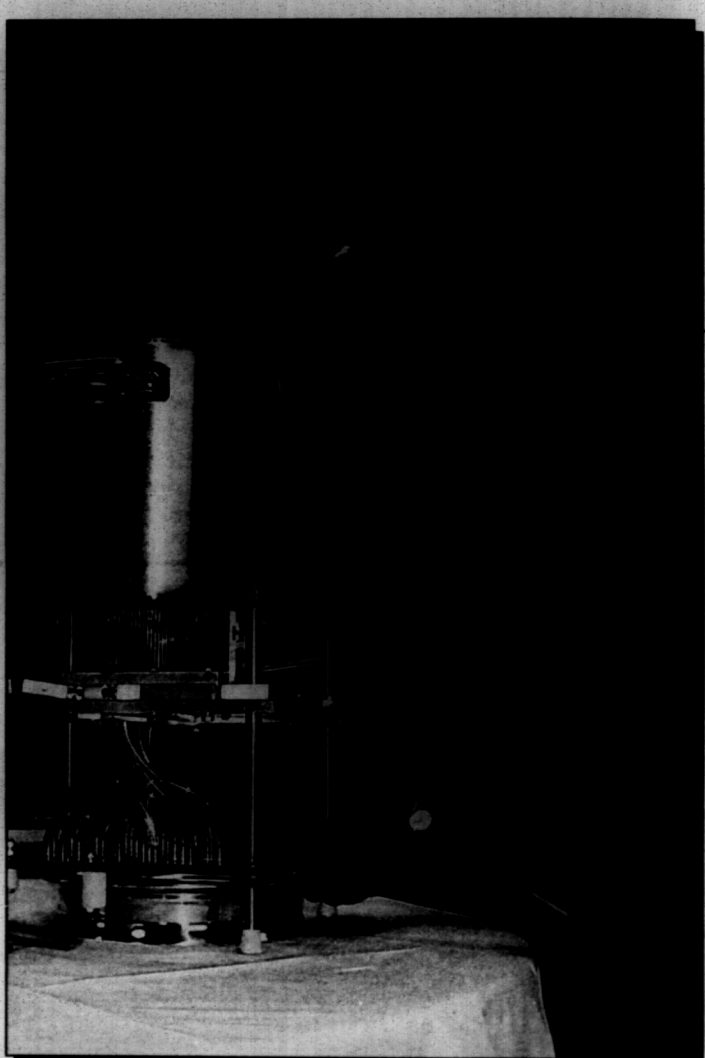
Greenlee began marketing the dispenser last spring, seven months before he finally secured the patent. By mid-January he had sold eight. At his basement workshop he has assembled more than three dozen additional units.

"This is the best thing since sliced bread," Herndon commented. "I don't know that it increases the number of volunteers, but it allows you to utilize their time in a better way."

"This is one of the greatest gifts we've ever received," said Terry Anderson of Christ Church of the Valley in suburban Phoenix, which won its system in a drawing at a Southeast pastors' conference last spring.

After weekly attendance doubled the past two years, communion preparation had become a challenge, the associate pastor said. Today, instead of three people taking 90 minutes by hand, a single person finishes in half an hour.

"Now we have more people available for serving teams inside the sanctuary," Anderson said.



TIME SAVER — An invention to fill communion cups draws the praise of Larry Herndon (right) executive pastor of Pinelake Church, Brandon, and deacon Jack Donald. (Photo by William H. Perkins Jr.)

At North Atlanta Church of Christ, Joe Gage and his wife used to spend two hours pouring juice before each Sunday morning service. Last summer the congregation added a second service, increasing the cup count by 41 percent. With the dispenser, they finish in just over an hour.

"The two are so close together there's no time to fill between services," Gage noted.

Greenlee, who accepted Christ as Savior after a failed marriage in the 1950s, sees his triumph over early setbacks as a sign of God's faithfulness.

"I think everything comes from God," he said. "But life is given to us in a raw state. We have to refine it by prayer and effort. If you put your all into it and pray, you're going to win."

Editor's note: Greenlee Communion Dispensing Systems can be contacted at (502) 425-5023.

## Young joins Church Music staff

David W. Young of Laurel has accepted the position of instrumental consultant in the Church Music Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board (MBCB), replacing long-time consultant Don Pray, who retired.

Young is professor of instrumental music and director of bands in the School of Music at Baptist-affiliated William Carey College in Hattiesburg. He is also director of the City of Hattiesburg Concert Band.

Young has been active in the field of church music for 35 years and has been a member of the Mississippi Singing Convention for 19 years. He serves as the instrumental director for the Churchmen and also for the Hattiesburg Youth Choir and Orchestra.

Young earned his bachelor's degree in music from the University of Mississippi and his master's degree from the University of South Alabama.

He has appeared in the 1990 Macy's Thanksgiving Parade in New York City — the first time a Baptist has ever participated in the parade.

Young has been a member of the Hattiesburg First Baptist Church since 1968. He is married to Mary Young and they have three children.

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# IMB to help send seminary profs overseas

SHREVEPORT, La. (BP) — More Southern Baptist seminary professors will be able to minister in strategic ways at Baptist seminaries overseas because of a \$500,000 allocation made by trustees of the International Mission Board (IMB) of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The board already was providing travel funding for professors to take sabbaticals overseas for four months to a year to fill strategic needs, said Sam James, the board's vice president for leadership development, but because of responsibilities with classes, most professors can't be away for four months or more.

Funds for the emphasis will come from the IMB's Mobilization Assistance Program, which since 1998 has provided \$1.2 million to help Southern Baptist leaders and students participate in their first overseas missions project.

Missions entities on the field where the professors serve will provide in-country expenses.

"Every seminary campus is working to achieve a real missions ethos," he said. "We would like to help them achieve that ethos to the end that every student who graduates from the seminary would know how to develop a truly globally-aware, missions-involved church, or that every

student would at least consider going to the mission field.

"Professors involved in this program could contribute significantly to that end. The board wants to offer overseas experiences to all professors.

"Most missions professors already go overseas on assignments, but professors in other disciplines seldom have the opportunity to meet strategic needs overseas," James said. "We're hoping that all professors in all of the disciplines will have an opportunity to serve in a strategic assignment of some kind overseas."

A case in point is James Chancellor, professor of philosophy and religion at Southern Seminary in Louisville, Ky.

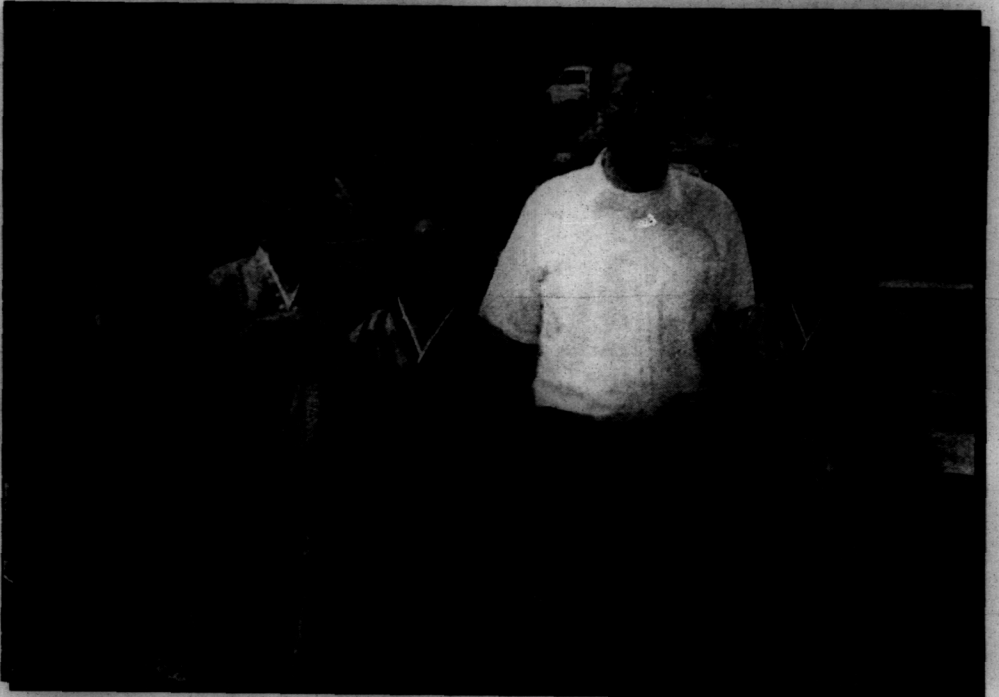
"Over the past three years I have visited and lectured at our Baptist seminaries in Korea and Singapore, taught for five months at the Philippine Baptist Theological Seminary (BTS), and taught short term three week courses at Malaysian BTS and Nigerian BTS," Chancellor said.

"Aside from the contributions I have been allowed to make to the ongoing mission of the church, these teaching experiences have opened my eyes even further to the vitality and strength of the church in the 'other world' and to the value and necessity of sound theological education in

the mission context.

"I strongly encourage all seminary faculty to avail themselves of this excellent opportunity to serve and to grow."

For more information on Seminary Professors Abroad, contact sjames@imb.org or jtowsend@imb.org.



## COMFORT

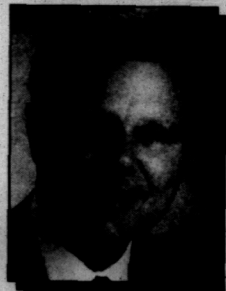
It was Easter Sunday morning, 2001, and I was thinking about comfort. Jesus comforts our hearts and he promises to give us another comforter. Easter is always a wonderful, celebrative, special time for the community of believers, but for me personally, it is a special time of remembrance and comfort.

On Easter morning, I was thinking of comfort...

- Not only because my grandmother — my last remaining grandparent — died during Easter week and her funeral was held on the Saturday before Easter, but because every Easter I recall that event and the special provisions that we have for life everlasting through the living Jesus.

- Not only because my father died shortly after Easter, but that year, it was as though the Lord, by the Easter celebration, prepared our hearts for a loss only he could overcome.

- Not only because just a few years ago my mother died and we had her funeral on my



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Jim Futral, executive director-treasurer  
Mississippi Baptist Convention Board

birthday, shortly after Easter, but for me, Easter is filled with memories of our Savior and some of his special saints, and it provides comfort.

This Easter, 2001, I am thinking of comfort in Christ for another reason. The comfort I was thinking about was comfort as in "A. J. Comfort, Jr.," who went to be with the Lord on Thursday night before Easter and his funeral service was held on Sunday afternoon, Resurrection Sunday!

Comfort was retired from his service with the Mississippi State Department of Education, but he never retired from serving the Lord. This quiet servant of Jesus lived out his opportu-

nities and responsibilities to the Lord to the very end. He was a wonderful husband, dad, educator, friend, deacon, singer, mission volunteer, and a great Mississippi Baptist!

Though I had met and known Comfort before, I had the privilege of knowing him better after he was sent to serve on the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. He was chosen by his fellow board members to serve on the Executive Committee of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board and, as in every other area, he served with distinction.

Comfort was one of those unusual folks who served anywhere he was asked to serve and then, on his own initiative, would find ways to make a difference, even in places where he wasn't requested to serve.

So, on Easter Sunday morning, I was thinking about comfort. Sure, thoughts of comfort from our Lord, but also for a

special Comfort that was named "A. J." On the day of his departure, in addition to a dozen other things, Comfort had checked on furniture that was needed for the missionary house at First Church, Brandon; grilled chicken breasts for several families; called my office to finalize a date for the dedication of facilities of First Church, Brandon, this summer; and then went to a meeting that evening.

Gene Henderson, his pastor, said A. J. was the kind of guy who "pulled his load and then would pull the load of a half-dozen others!"

I was reminded of a businessman, some years ago, who had one of his employees leave and go to work somewhere else. Shortly after that, a friend asked the employer, "Have you found someone to fill his place?" The businessman looked slightly puzzled and then answered, "When he left, he didn't leave any place to be filled."

Our Lord knows what he is doing and his timing is perfect. When he called A. J. Comfort home to the Father's house, he took a step toward filling Heaven, but he sure left a sizeable gap among us. He will be missed!

We all can take comfort from the God of all comfort who comforts our hearts!

INTERNATIONAL PROF — James Chancellor (second from right), professor of philosophy and religion at Southern Seminary in Louisville, Ky., pauses for a picture at the Philippine Baptist Theological Seminary with three Korean students and a Filipino English teacher (left). (BP photo)



YOU CAN RESPOND RIGHT NOW!  
Simply share the following prayer with God in your own words:

1. Lord, I admit that I need you. (I have sinned.)
2. I want forgiveness for my sins and freedom from eternal death. (I repent.)
3. I believe Jesus died and rose from the grave to forgive my sins and to restore my relationship with you. (I believe in Jesus.)
4. By faith, I invite Jesus Christ into my life. From this time on, I want to live in a loving relationship with him. (I receive Christ as my Savior and Lord.)

But as many as received him, to them he gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in his name (John 1:12).

If you make a decision for Jesus Christ today, contact a local Baptist church for spiritual guidance.



## Truth

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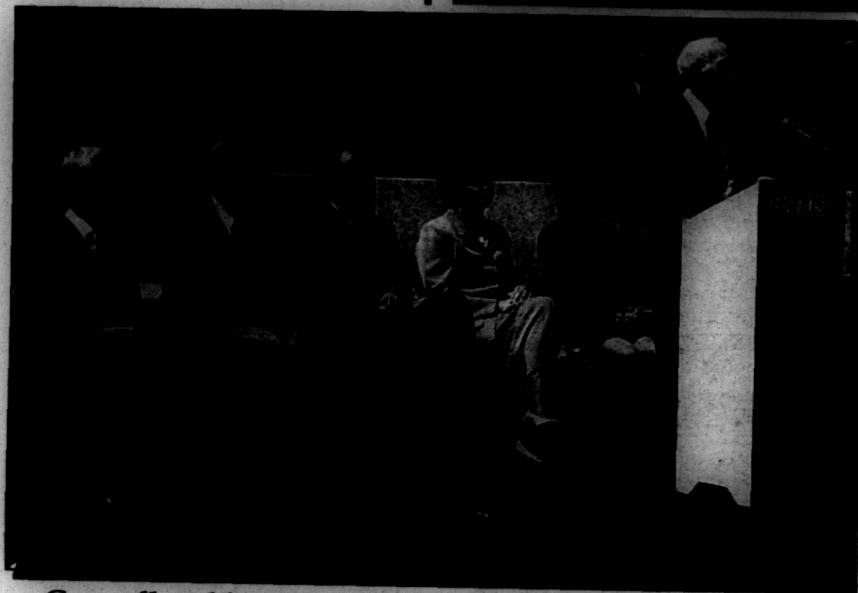
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## JUST FOR THE RECORD



Groundbreaking ceremonies for Hederman Cancer Center

Groundbreaking ceremonies for the Hederman Cancer Center were held on Tuesday, April 10. Zach Hederman (pictured) is addressing the crowd of approximately 200. Seated behind him are other speakers, including, (from left) Kurt Metzner, Baptist Health Systems (BHS) president & CEO; Frank Pollard, pastor of First Church, Jackson; Mart McMullan, chairman of BHS Board of Trustees; Lt. Governor Amy Tuck; and Gerry Ann Houston of Jackson Oncology Associates. The Hederman Cancer Center is expected to be completed in Spring 2002.

## Homecomings

**Bethsaida (Neshoba):** April 22; services at 10:30 a.m., followed by covered dish; singing, 1:30 p.m.; Jerry McMullen, evangelist.

**Wake Forest, Sturgis:** April 22; service, 11 a.m., followed by lunch and singing in the afternoon; James Young, speaker; Lynn Rodrique, pastor.

**Wynndale Church, Terry,** will have an arts and crafts show, 8 a.m.-2:30 p.m. on April 21. The proceeds will be used on the note for the new multi-purpose building. For more information, call (601) 371-2429.

**Panola Association** had its Bible drill on April 8 at First Church, Batesville. Eighteen children and 14 youth of six churches participated. Courtney Selvy is missions director. Mackie W. Detton is the associational Bible drill director.

**First Church, Lake,** will have the dedication service of its new sanctuary on Sunday, April 29, at 2 p.m. A reception will follow in the fellowship hall. Ken McLemore is pastor.

**Panola Association and Pilgrims Rest Church, Batesville,** hosted David

Fortenberry and Gene Hoyt of Outdoors Evangelism Association for the March Men's Ministry Rally. Registered for the hunting seminar were 135 men and boys. There were 11 professions of faith and 20 rededications. John Howell Jr. is the Men's Ministry director. J. Courtney Selvy is the associational missions director.

**Puckett Cemetery Association, Puckett,** will hold its annual homecoming and memorial service at Puckett Church on April 22. The guest speaker will be Steve Gill of Tyler, Texas. John Moore, music director, will be in charge of the music. Covered dish meal will be held in the fellowship hall. Grant McElveen is pastor.

**Castlewoods Church, Brandon,** will celebrate its

20th anniversary and homecoming on April 22. Activities include Bible study, 9:15 a.m.; worship, 10:30 a.m.; and dinner on the grounds. Speakers for the service are J. C. Renfro, first mission pastor; Larry McDonald, first full-time pastor; and Brian Richardson, present pastor.

**Mona Faith** will be in concert at Center Terrace Church, Canton, April 22 at 7 p.m.

**And every man stood...A Conference for Men,** will be presented by the men's ministry of Tishomingo Church, Tishomingo, 7-8:30 p.m. on May 4. Featured speaker is Jeff Noblett of Muscle Shoals, Ala. For information on registration or further information, call Royce Howie, conference chairman, at (662) 438-8109 or write P. O. Box 274, Tishomingo, MS 38873.

## STAFF CHANGES

**First Church, Pascagoula,** has called Gary Anglin as minister of music. Anglin served First Church, Pascagoula, from 1984 until 1991. He previously served ten years at First Church, Abilene, Texas. Anglin is a graduate of Mississippi College, the University of

North Texas, Southwestern Seminary, and advanced study at the University of Southern Mississippi.

**First Church, Nettleton,** has called Keith Dowden as pastor effective April 3. A native of Louisiana, Dowden received

his education at Louisiana College and New Orleans Seminary. His previous place of service was Holly Church, Alcorn Association.

**Adaton Church, Starkville,** has called Matt Loving as minister to students effective April 1. A native of Brandon, Loving received his education at Mississippi College and is attending New Orleans Seminary. His previous place of service was Oak Hill Church, Poplarville.

## Seminary Church celebrates 100 years



Seminary Church, Beaumont, early 1900s

Seminary Church, Beaumont, will celebrate its 100th anniversary on May 6.

The church now has a total membership of 149, of which 134 are resident members. The average attendance in Sunday School is 55 and 85 in worship attendance. The celebration will be combined

with homecoming.

Services will begin at 10:30 a.m. Others activities include dinner on the grounds and afternoon singing with the Walley Family from Greene County. Ernest Sadler, missions director for Jackson Association, will present the church with an anniversary certificate and letter of commendation from the Mississippi Baptist Historical Commission. Dan Hembree is pastor.

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# HOUSE TOPS.

Matthew 10:27 NAS

April 19, 2001

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## WMU Annual Meeting New Orleans - June 9-12

### Registration Form for Annual Meeting in New Orleans

*Must be returned to Miss. WMU office by April 27*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (day) \_\_\_\_\_ (evening) \_\_\_\_\_

Church: \_\_\_\_\_ Association: \_\_\_\_\_

Room selection: Single / Double / Triple / Quad Amt. Enc. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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(3) \_\_\_\_\_ (4) \_\_\_\_\_

Select your choice for Saturday: \_\_\_\_\_ Free time or \_\_\_\_\_ Ministry Option\*

\* Participants wishing to be involved in ministry projects will be contacted  
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*Make checks payable to MBCB and designate for WMU Annual Meeting. Mail to  
WMU, MBCB, PO Box 530, Jackson MS 39205. For more info contact Miss. WMU in  
Jackson at 292-3316 or 1-800-748-1651 or E-mail: tanderson@mbcb.org.*

Mississippi WMU State Package includes three nights lodging at the Double Tree Hotel,  
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## Mississippi Baptist Youth Night

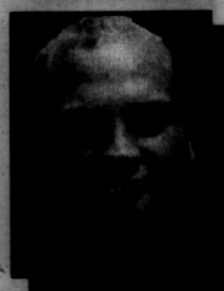
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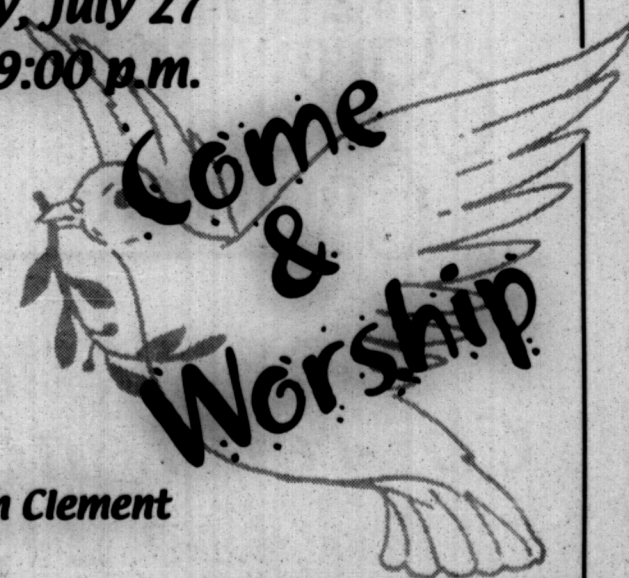
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DIRECTORS'



#### CONFERENCE LEADER

Our conference will be led by **Wayne Poling**, LifeWay Christian Resources, Nashville. Wayne is a Sunday School/FAITH consultant at LifeWay and has, for many years, shown special interest in Sunday School directors. He has also been instrumental in the National Sunday School Directors' Seminars.

#### Registration Form

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Mississippi Baptist Convention Board  
PO Box 530, Jackson MS 39205-0530

For more information call the Sunday School Department at 968-3800 in Jackson or 1-800-748-1651.

You won't want to miss this event as Wayne shares his heart and knowledge of the basics of Sunday School work. He will equip you with the skills to help your Sunday School be a foundational strategy for reaching people and building Great Commission Christians.

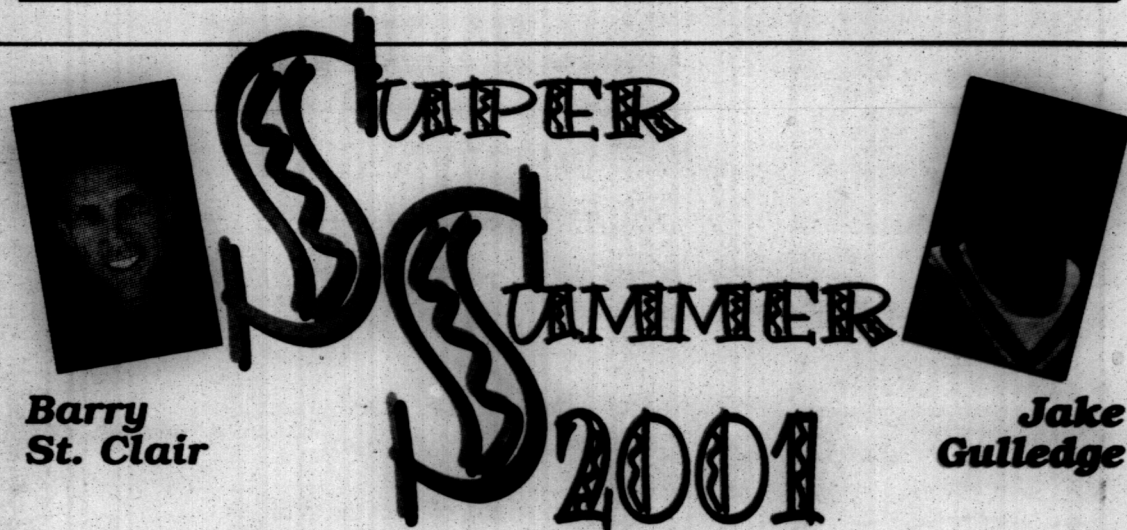
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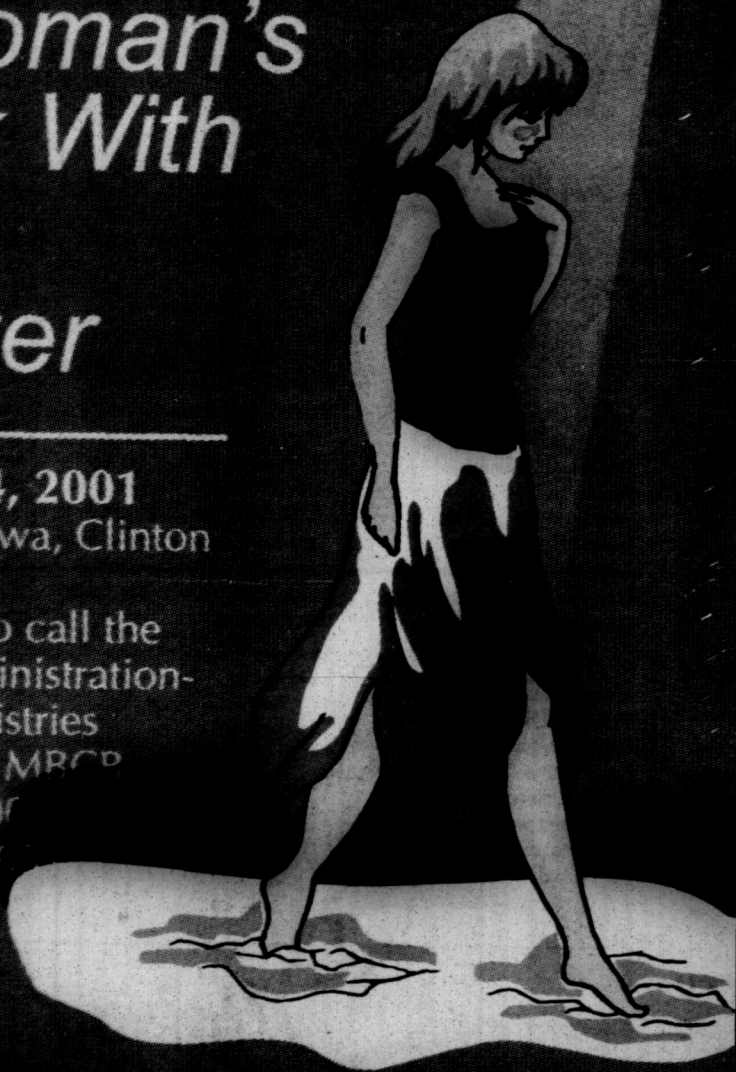
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April 23-24, 2001  
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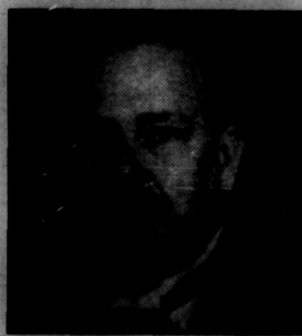
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When Satan is knocking at your door, simply say,  
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Pray for an East Indian family in Korea village of Trinidad and Tobago. They seem to be familiar with Christianity and act morally, but they are involved in praying to the deities of a world religion. Pray for them to make a full break from these false gods.

Life Commitment Sunday (CAPM); (2) Gogo Team members of Tanzania are planning to conduct a regional meeting for youth and women. Ask God to guide the leaders as they prepare. Ask the Holy Spirit to soften the hearts of the youth and women to hear His teachings.

For: (1) State Bible Drills, FBC, Meridian/Petal-Harvey BC, Petal; (2) State Ministry Assistants' (Secretaries) Conference, Camp Garaywa (Church Administration-Pastoral Ministries).

For: (1) Preaching & Worship Conference, Poplar Springs Drive BC, Meridian (CAPM); (2) "Lighting from the East," one of the most destructive cults in China, is now trying to infiltrate Chinese churches in North America. Pray that Christian churches will stand firm in the face of this onslaught.

For: (1) State Bible Drills; FBC, Laurel (Discipleship and Family Ministry); (2) Pray for those who are working with the Bolivian Bible Society in revision of the Guarayo New Testament. Pray that the Holy Spirit will enlighten each worker and that work on translating the Old Testament can begin.

MAY IS EDWINA ROBINSON SPECIAL DAY MISSIONS PROMOTION (WMU); (2) Music Mississippi, Eagle Ridge Conference Center, Raymond (Church Music); (3) Pray for Christian radio stations. They reach 99% of the world's population.

Thank you for praying as national believers form teams that will be planting churches in a Last Frontier country. God is calling, and His people are responding! Ask the Holy Spirit to fill the hearts of more believers with a love for the lost and desire for their salvation.

Chaplain Bob Loy works as the port ministry director for the Jacksonville, Fla., Baptist Association. The ministry provides spiritual, social, and physical care to seafarers in Jacksonville. Please pray for port chaplains, as they witness and minister to the seafarers.

For: (1) Church Sponsorship of New Baptist Churches in Mississippi; Lebanon Assn. Center, Hattiesburg; (Strategic Ministries); (2) State Bible Drills; FBC, Senatobia FBC, Gulfport; (D&FM); (3) Regional Women's Forum; Camp Garaywa (WMU).

For: (1) Preschool/Children's Ministers' Retreat, Camp Garaywa; (Preschool/Children's Team); (2) Today is the National Day of Prayer's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary - Consider the many things our nation has experienced over its great history. Commit to pray for people where you live and beyond.

For: (1) State Bible Drills, FBC, Starkville (Discipleship and Family Ministry); (2) Missionary Parents Fellowship/Retired Missionaries, Camp Garaywa; (3) State Handbell Festival, FBC, Tupelo (Church Music).

For: (1) State Bible Drills; FBC, Clinton and FBC, Brandon (Discipleship and Family Ministry); (2) Lad/Crusader Day, Central Hills Retreat; (3) Please pray today for Prime Minister Phan Van Khai of Vietnam.

For: (1) State Speakers' Tournament, Alta Woods BC, Jackson (D&FM); (2) State Selection Tournament, Alta Woods BC, Jackson (D&FM); (3) Louise Adamson is a children's ministries director in Atlanta, Ga. Pray for Louise's and others' wisdom, strength, and guidance.



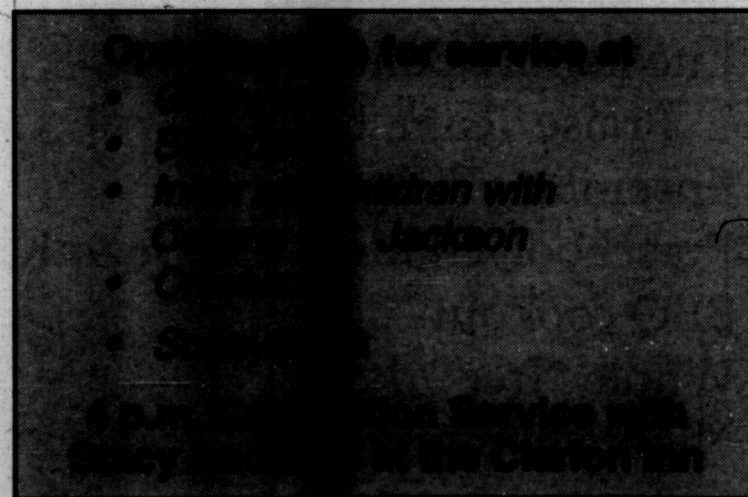
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HOUSE TOPS.



## NAMES IN THE NEWS



Stuart, Carr, and Gillis

First Church, Picayune, honored Ernie Stuart, Verne Carr, and Lucile Gillis on April 1 for over 80 years of combined service. Stuart has served as Sunday School director for 16 years; Gillis has led the Woman's Missionary Union for 24 years; and Carr has served more than 40 years in various positions in the Sunday School Department. The three were honored with plaques during the evening service. A

reception followed in the fellowship hall. Pictured (from left) are Stuart, Carr, and Gillis.

Carleen McGraw of First Church, Louisville, was presented with fifty roses during the evening service on Jan. 28 that celebrated her 49-plus years of service as church secretary/treasurer. Two years ago she was declared the longest tenured church secretary in the state by the Church Administration/Pastoral Ministries Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention

Board. Pictured with McGraw is Don M. Boone, pastor.

Mitchell Osborne has resigned the pastorate of Pine Level Church, Leakesville. He is available for pulpit supply, interim, or pastorate. Osborne may be reached by letter at P. O. Box 1366, Leakesville, MS 39451, or by phone at (601) 394-6535.

Leroy Stuart Jr., 54, minister of music at Edwards Church, Edwards, died March 30. A native of Pelahatchie, Stuart graduated from Hinds Community College, and received a music degree from the University of Southern Mississippi. Stuart was a member of the National Fellowship of Baptist Performing Artists. His survivors include wife Jennifer Montgomery Stuart; children,

Lee M. Stuart and Beth Pridgen of Clinton, and Ansel Jones of Kiln; his mother, Edna Purvis Stuart of Pelahatchie; sister, Myrna Loy Hedgepeth, Jackson; brother, Donnie Stuart, Pelahatchie; and two grandchildren. A daughter, Tanis Stuart, preceded him in death.



McGraw and Boone





## SBHS votes to change name

PENSACOLA, Fla. (BP) — The Southern Baptist Historical Society (SBHS) has voted to change its name to the Baptist History and Heritage Society. The 58-16 vote came during the society's March 22-24 annual meeting in Pensacola, Fla., with a majority of members agreeing with SBHS Executive Director Charles Deweese's assessment that "our old name served us well, but the new one will serve us even better."

The voluntary, nonprofit organization works to provide leadership and direction for the study, preservation and communication of Baptist history and heritage. Its stated mission is to help Baptists discover, conserve, assess, and share their history. Ministries and services are offered to Baptists through society publications, other products, cooperative ventures, annual meetings, awards, and information services.

Fourteen students from Blue Mountain College Baptist Student Union (BSU) and two adults participated in the Boston Plunge mission trip on spring break. (Pictured) Tracy Rice from Lakeland, Tenn., Maria Teel from Red Banks, and Jack Moser, coach, from Ripley, helped paint the Urban Outreach Center in Boston. Tracy Moser is BSU director.



Rice, Teel, and Moser

Mississippi College will present its spring performance, *Children of Eden*, a musical and dramatic interpretation of the first nine books of Genesis. Performances will be held April 20-24, and 27 at 7 p.m. On April 21 and 28, matinee performances are at 2 p.m. All performances will be held in Aven Little Theater. *Children of Eden* uses the story of Genesis, from creation to the flood, to examine the age-old conflict between parents and children. For additional information and to reserve tickets, call (601) 925-3462.

Central Mississippi Chapter of the Blue Mountain College Alumnae Association hosted a reception for Bettye Coward, president-elect of the college, on March 17. In the receiving line (pictured) are Marie McAlpin,

left, a member of the college's Board of Trustees; Coward and husband Tom Coward; and Earl Kelly, former executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

William Carey College will hold a groundbreaking ceremony to kick off construction of a new nursing facility on the Hattiesburg campus April 18 at 10 a.m. Festivities will take place in the parking lot of Bently-Pope House, adjacent to the property on which the new building will be constructed. The new nursing

facility, the first building to be built on the Hattiesburg campus since 1974, was facilitated by a grant from the Asbury Foundation of Hattiesburg, Inc. The ceremony will include remarks from Larry Kennedy, college president; Mary Ware, dean of the school of nursing; and Bill Ray, president and chief executive officer of the Asbury Foundation of Hattiesburg, Inc.

The William Carey College (WCC) theatre department has been invited to participate in the Fourth International Theatre Festival to be held in Bratislava, Slovakia, in May. Sponsored by the Bratislava English Language Theatre Society (BELTS), the fes-

tival focuses on theatre productions performed in English. The first and only Americans ever to be invited to perform at the festival, the WCC theatre department will perform the nationally recognized production of *And David Danced*, an original play by Jonathan Pope Evans. Theatre students, faculty, and friends of the theatre are involved in fund raising efforts. Encore, benefit performances of *And David Danced* are scheduled for April 18-20 at 8 p.m. Proceeds from these performances will benefit the Slovakian travel fund. The box office is open daily from 1-4 p.m. For reservations or information call the theatre department at (601) 582-6218.



Members of WCC theatre department



McAlpin, B. Coward, T. Coward, and Kelly

## REVIVAL DATES

**First, Houka:** April 22-25; Bobby Williamson, evangelist; David Blackwell, pastor.

**Tinsley, Tinsley:** May 17-20; Thurs.-Sat., 7 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m.; Roger Greene, evangelist.

**Shiloh, Big Creek (Calhoun):** April 29-May 2; 7 p.m.; Jimmy Vance, evangelist; Charles Brasher, music.

**Concord (Tippah):** April 22-25; Bill Baker, evangelist; Robert E. Walker, pastor.

**Chunky (Newton):** April 29-May 3; Sunday, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Mon.-Thurs., 7 p.m.; Randall Creel, evangelist;

Gary Thorne, music; Wayne Campbell, pastor.

**Gulfport:** April 29-May 2; Sunday, 6 p.m.; Mon.-Wed., 7 p.m.; Dean Register, Hattiesburg, evangelist;

Michael Gilreath, Gulfport, music and worship leader.

**Sandersville (Jones):** April 22-25; 7 p.m. nightly; Robert J. Heustess, Slidell, La., evangelist; Eric Benson, Laurel, music; Donnie V. Parker, pastor.

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## USE FLAG ETIQUETTE

Editor:

While visiting various churches, most of which were Southern Baptist, for such occasions as weddings, funerals, revivals, or regular worship services, I have been disappointed at the number (approximately 50%) of such churches that have the U.S. flag improperly displayed.

When the pastor stands in the pulpit facing the audience, the U.S. flag displayed from a staff, should be on his right regardless of whether it is located on a raised platform or at floor level.

I urge my fellow Christians to ensure "Old Glory" is honored by the proper display within each church. Information obtained from Title 36, U.S. Code, Chapter 10, Section 175. (Public Law as amended July 7, 1976 by the 94th Congress of the U.S.) Look for "Flag Etiquette" on Internet.)

Jim Norwood  
Courtland

## THANKS FROM MARYLAND

Editor:

Just a note to say thank you for the help you are giving churches in the Baptist Convention of Maryland/Delaware. On Sept. 17, 2000, Alan Balliet led Rolling Hills Church, Clarksville, Maryland, in a one-day stewardship seminar. When he left, he gave us stewardship resources for future use.

Starting in January, we used the New Century Giving resource for our worship theme and preaching, as well as a way to promote a very special offering we took at the end of January. We called it our Miracle Sunday Offering to raise funds to do some necessary work in our sanctuary. We have been able to raise our goal of \$17,000 and actually go beyond our goal. We now have \$18,860. Not all the money came from our people but because of this emphasis, word got out.

We are extremely pleased and praise God for the blessings that flowed our way through this offering. Even though we were able to raise the special offering funds, we are still facing a very difficult time financially in meeting our normal bills but God provides.

Thank you for helping us and for providing resources we might otherwise not use.

Clarence E. Byerly, pastor  
Rolling Hills Church  
Clarksville, Md.

## PASTORS SOUGHT

Editor:

Liberty Hill Church, Pope, is planning a 150-year anniversary celebration on June 3. We need help with names and addresses of former pastors or family members of former pastors. We want this event to be successful, so any help would be greatly appreciated.

All former members and friends are invited to a full day of fellowship. There will be preaching, singing, testimonials, and reminiscing. Lunch will be provided. Watch The Baptist Record for more information at a later date.

Please send inquiries or addresses to Sandra Martindale, 6951 Pope-Water Valley, Pope, MS 38658. Telephone: (662) 563-4293. E-mail: sbm@watervalley.net.

Sandra Martindale  
Pope

## THANKS, MISS. BAPTISTS

Editor:

On June 15, 1988, my wife Pam and I were appointed and commissioned as missionaries to Peru in South America. For almost thirteen years we have enjoyed a very fulfilling and exciting time of ministry. Now God, in his infinite wisdom, has led us away from there to a new ministry.

Pam and I have withdrawn from missionary service to accept the pastorate of the Cash Point Church, Ardmore, Tenn. We want to thank Mississippi Baptists for faithful praying and faithful giving that helped us to stay on the field all these years. It was through the testimony of a Mississippi missionary that we heard our call to Peru. We were blessed to serve alongside many men and

women from Mississippi during our years in Peru, and we remember with fondness Mississippians who joined us in our ministries as volunteers: a WMU group that included Vickie Heath and Bobbie Foster; Dwight Smith and Ed Wright for a men's retreat; The Pearl River Community College BSU, led by Mo Baker; Broadmoor Church at two of our annual mission meetings; and others.

We also wish to express our thanks to Tom Hearon, who coordinates the Macedonian Call car ministry. Through this ministry we were able to receive a very nice vehicle at the beginning of our last state-side assignment. It is worthy of support by our local churches.

Thanks, Mississippi Baptists!  
You're one in a million.

Kevin and Pam Shearer  
Ardmore, Tenn.

## BIVO BRAVOS

Editor:

Thank you for the (March 15) article by Jim Futral expressing gratefulness for Mississippi's double-duty, twice-blessed bivocational ministers. Thank you for being sensitive to the need for affirmation among Mississippi's bivo church staffs.

May God continue to richly bless you as you lead his work among Mississippi Baptists.

Thanks also to the editor for his (March 15) editorial, The Power of Symbols, in which he continues to exercise his gift for well-balanced editorializing.

Ken Cook  
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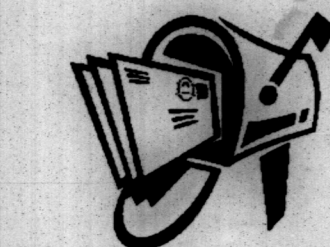
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## FAMILY BIBLE STUDY

### Obedying the Lord of glory

Matthew 17:1-13

By Lori Clendinning

I didn't know what to expect. I was just pleased that Jesus wanted me to follow him up the mountain. I knew of his habit of getting off alone to pray, but now things were different: James, John, and I were going along.

We three had been singled out by Jesus before. We were the only ones in the room with him when he raised up Jairus' daughter from her deathly sleep. Then, only months after this mountaintop experience, on that incredible night, he took the three of us farther into the Gethsemane garden to keep watch with him while the others stayed behind.

Why he chose the three of us is still a mystery to me. Of all

his followers, we were the rough and rowdy ones. James and John, nicknamed the "Sons of Thunder," and I, Peter, known for spontaneously running off at the mouth, were red-necked, sea-smelling fishermen when he approached us.

Knowing Jesus changed us. I wanted to be the man that Jesus talked about: the good and faithful servant, the blessed one, the one who had ears to hear.

Incredulously, it had only been six days since I had declared Jesus to be the Messiah. So when he asked me to go with him up on the mountain, I jumped up and ran ahead of James and John, eager to show Jesus that he could count on me to do whatever he asked.



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When nightfall came, we were weary from our journey, high up into the Hermon mountain range. Below us we could see a few lights and shadowy outlines from homes in the Caesarea Philippi area. Night sounds surrounded us and we three grew drowsy as Jesus continued to pray.

Then, in an instant, everything changed: Jesus was suddenly transformed before us. Where there had been darkness, now there was light. But not like the light of oil lamps or torches. This was like the brightest rays of sunlight and it was all coming from his face. His garments were bright white and he glowed as if lit from within.

Suddenly, we were aware of two others with him. Instantaneously, our spirits perceived that they were Moses and Elijah. These two men who had brought great reformation to our people through the Law

and Prophecies now stood talking with our teacher.

I was overcome with joy. I blurted out to Jesus how good it was that all this was taking place. I wanted it to go on forever and suggested that James, John, and I build three shelters in which they could stay.

Before the words had even left my mouth, a brilliant cloud overtook all three of them and I heard a voice with great power and authority declare, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!"

James, John, and I fell to the ground, frozen with terror. Who could this be but the great I Am, the Creator, God Almighty!

My mind raced with wondrous thoughts. Were we just moments away from seeing the face of God? How did we three ordinary men get to be here in the presence of such majesty and awesome power?

Trembling with fear from all we were witnessing, I felt the

gentle touch of Jesus as he placed his yet unscarred hands upon me. "Get up," he said. "Don't be afraid."

When I raised my head, I saw no one except Jesus. Yet, that was fine with me because now, I knew the truth: as God's son, he was enough to gaze upon. My life changed forever at that moment. We saw Jesus for who he was, who he is, and, though he was transfigured in appearance on that mountain, we were the ones who were changed within.

As we quietly and reverently made our way down the mountain, I couldn't help but wonder how the others would receive the news of all we'd experienced. Then Jesus instructed us, "Don't tell anyone what you have seen, until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

Thus, I now tell you. Jesus is the Lord of glory, God's son, our Messiah. Listen to him!

Clendinning is a former newspaper editor and a member of Park Place Church, Pearl.

## EXPLORE THE BIBLE

### Partial obedience

1 Samuel 13:1-15:35

By Jim Burnett

Suppose you told your son to bring the garbage cans in from the driveway and he brought the cans, but left the lids. How would you respond?

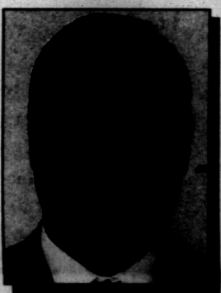
You would probably send him immediately back down the driveway to retrieve the lids and remind him the lids go with the cans and next time he is to bring them both. In other words, you would reprove him for his partial obedience. Sometimes God's children are guilty of partial obedience.

**Clear assignment (15:2-3).** The Amalekites were enemies of Israel who in the past had attempted to prevent God's people from entering the Promised Land. Satan had used this army to oppose the people of God. Now God would punish their wickedness via Saul

and Israel. God, through Samuel the prophet and priest, gave Saul a direct order to totally obliterate the Amalekites and their possessions. It was a clear and uncomplicated command from God.

As Christians, God has given us clear commandments to obey, such as The Ten Commandments, loving God with all of our being, loving our neighbor as we love ourselves, practicing the golden rule, being the light of the world and the salt of the earth, etc. He has empowered us through the cross of Christ to obey completely his commands.

Are you obeying the commandments of God? Are you working toward the clear assignment God has given you? Or have you allowed this world to influence you into believing



Burnett

that partial obedience is acceptable?

**Foolish presumption (15:13-15).** Saul, in the beginning, was humbled by the idea of reigning as Israel's king, but now, full of pride, he presumed he had the right to alter and ignore God's instructions.

When Samuel confronted the king's rebellious activity, Saul declared he had obeyed God. The bleating of the sheep and the lowing of the oxen, however, testified to the contrary.

Are there areas in your life in which you are being disobedient to the Lord? Are there sinful habits from which you need to repent? Be careful not to listen to the general public for affirmation, for public opinion means absolutely nothing to God. He looks at the heart and yearns for our total commitment to his ways and his will.

Let us not be guilty of foolishly presuming our bending of God's laws is without consequences. The law of the har-

vest holds true: we reap what we sow.

**Empty excuses (15:19-21).** When Samuel began reprimanding Saul for his refusal to destroy totally the Amalekites and their livestock, Saul attempted to defend himself. First he denied he had done wrong. Then realizing Samuel was not buying it, Saul went to plan B, which was to blame the people.

This reminds me of my four-year old daughter who we recently caught coloring on the walls of our home. When confronted with her crime, she quickly blamed one of her brothers. Then realizing we were not believing her story, she blamed her other brother. Finally, my darling little girl, out of desperation, blamed her grandfather who lives in Alabama for the graffiti on the walls.

Unfortunately, in America today blaming others has become a national sport. Homosexuals, murderers, rapists, and thieves, blame their friends or family members for their present lifestyles, unwilling to take responsibility for their own actions.

Can you think of areas in your life where you are blaming others for your lack of commitment to Christ? Jesus Christ died on a cross for your sins and my sins. Therefore, there is no justification and no excuse we can use that permits us to give him less than our best.

**Drastic consequences (15:22-23).** Because Saul refused to obey God fully, God rejected Saul as king of Israel. Although Saul was not dethroned immediately, there were instantaneous consequences to his disobedience. His fellowship with God was broken and his relationship to Samuel was soured.

Today there continues to be negative consequences to our disobeying God. Every time we sin, there are repercussions. Therefore, it is incumbent on every child of God to obey fully his and her heavenly Father. But praise be to God for our advocate, Jesus Christ, for when we disobey and confess our sins he forgives us.

Burnett is pastor of Raymond Road Church, Jackson.

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## Gifts of Honor and Memory

A portion of The Village View is allocated each month to a list of Gifts of Honor and Memory. Many groups and individuals elect to pay tribute to others through this sensitive, meaningful, and helpful medium. This feature is hopefully designed to further honor, with taste and respect, those who are and have been special to our special friends.

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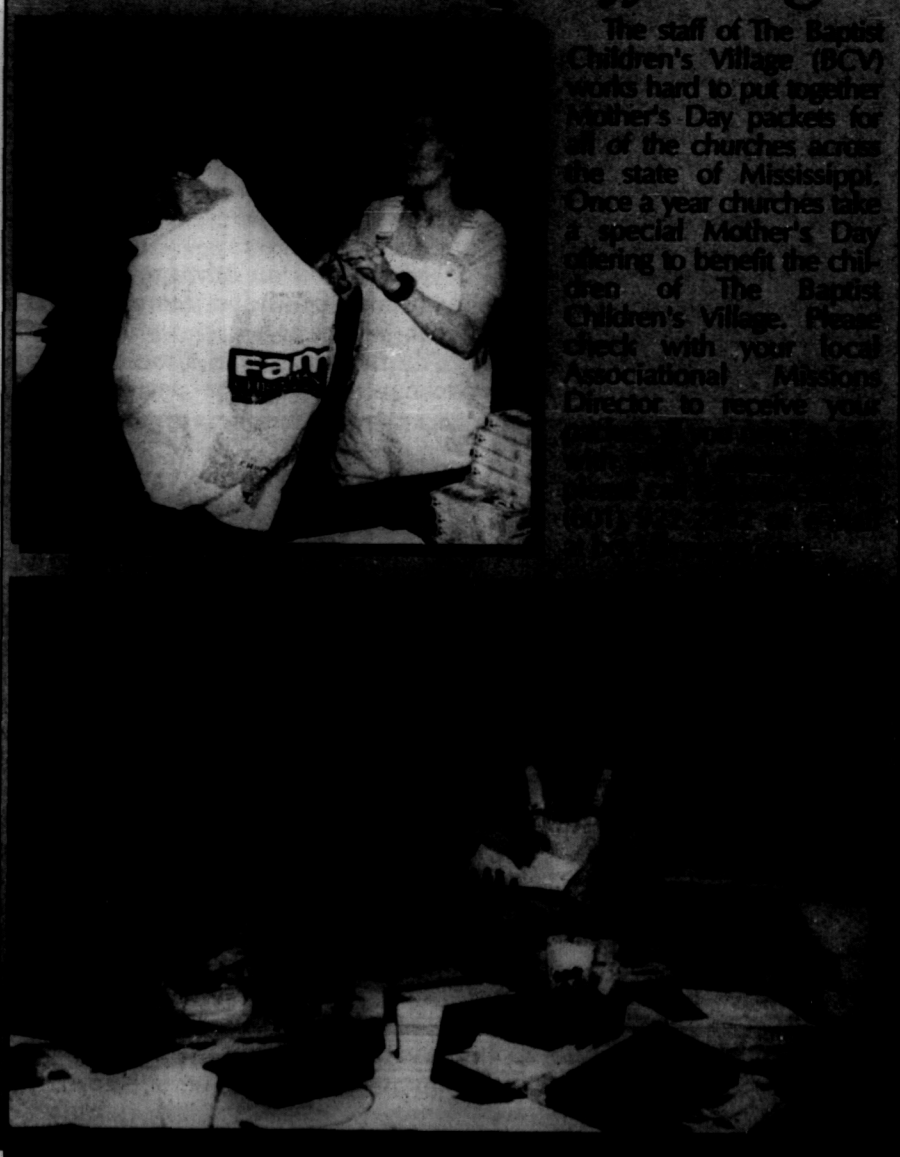
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## Mother's Day Offering



The staff of The Baptist Children's Village (BCV) works hard to put together Mother's Day packets for all of the churches across the state of Mississippi. Once a year churches take a special Mother's Day offering to benefit the children of The Baptist Children's Village. Please check with your local Association, Missions Director to receive your packet.



# Stewart tragedy stirring spiritual growth

ORLANDO, Fla. (BP) — Two professional golfers who knew Payne Stewart are walking closer with the Lord today because of the loss of their friend.

Lee Janzen and his family were baptized at a Texas church about five months before the Oct. 25, 1999, plane crash that claimed the lives of Stewart and several companions.

For Janzen, the 1998 U.S. Open champion, the tragedy emphasized that he needed to get more serious about his relationship with Christ.

"I had already realized what it meant," Janzen said of Stewart's unexpected death, "but it speeded up the process of learning and growing, and going from an infant in the Lord to someone growing up."

"I certainly came along a lot more in the past year than I did in the year leading up to that."

While he remains in the Professional Golfers Association (PGA), the crash caused another PGA hopeful to set aside his dreams of making the tour.

Darin Hoff shot 29 rounds of below-par golf during the summer of 1999 but afterwards lost his appetite for competition.

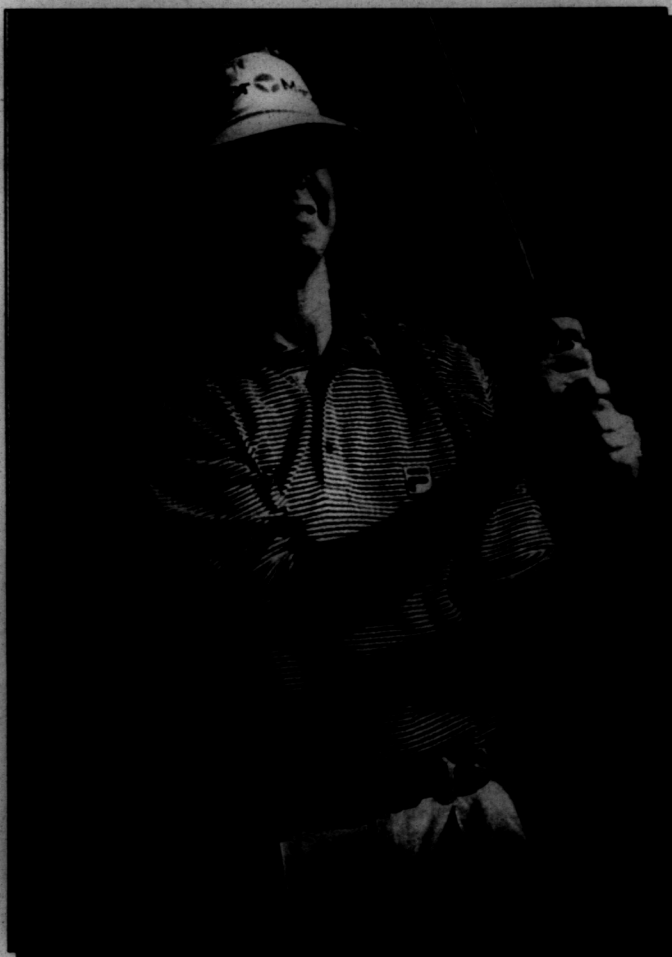
Today the assistant golf pro at Arnold Palmer's Bay Hill Club & Lodge in Orlando envisions the day when he can trade his putter for the speaking circuit.

He wants to spend his time telling others about the Christ he accepted as Savior at First Church, Orlando a month after Stewart's memorial service.

He had gone to the church to thank pastor Jim Henry and assistant pastor J.B. Collingsworth for helping Stewart's family in their time of need. He had been a longtime friend of Stewart, since Hoff's grandmother introduced them when Hoff was just 10 years old.

After talking for a short time, Henry asked if he had ever accepted Jesus as his Savior. When he shook his head, the pastor grinned and said, "I've got great news for you. You're not leaving until you do."

Hoff then followed Collingsworth to his office. There they laughed and cried as they discussed the loss of the most important influence in Hoff's life outside of his family.



POWER OF WITNESS — Payne Stewart's death "speeded up" his spiritual growth, pro golfer Lee Janzen says. (Photo courtesy of PGATour.com)

"It was in that very office that I asked Jesus to take control of my life," he said. "I remember getting up out of the chair and leaving. I didn't feel any different, but my old life was over and [God] was about to show me things I would have never thought possible."

Collingsworth also invited Hoff to attend Orlando Metro, a Christian singles group that meets weekly at First Church.

There he met Kenn Kington, who has served as his spiritual mentor. Soon after, he shared his testimony with the 800 people who attend the gathering.

Over the past year, Hoff has addressed about a dozen chapter meetings or banquets of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. In addition, he has led four golfers in prayers to receive Christ as Savior on the practice tee at Bay Hill.

He is now working on a short, inspirational book about how God has worked in his life over the past year.

"Kenn Kington told me, 'You're probably one of the most excited speakers around, you'll tell everyone who wants to listen and 20 percent who don't.'"

Janzen hasn't been quite as outspoken, although he recently asked tour chaplain Larry Moody to help him develop a speech in case he receives offers to share his testimony.

In addition, since Stewart's death Janzen and his wife, Bev, have distributed nearly 50 copies of Josh McDowell's book, "More Than A Carpenter."

"It's such a great little book," Bev Janzen said. "It is dynamic and can be life-changing."

The couple played a role in the salvation of a man who built a putting green at their home. Briefly discussing the change in their life, she also mailed him some spiritually based books.

At last year's U.S. Open (the tournament Stewart won in 1999) in Pebble Beach, Calif., the man's sister told Bev Janzen that he had accepted Christ.

"She cried and said, 'Thank you, we've been trying to reach him for a long time,'" said Bev, who fought back tears as she recalled the scene. "I said, 'You've got to give God the glory. He just put us in the right place at the right time.'"

## Stewart admirers drawn to golfer's home church

ORLANDO, Fla. (BP) — Glancing at a package nestled in the corner of his office, J.B. Collingsworth points to a visible sign that Payne Stewart has not been forgotten.

Shipped by an admirer, the box holds a pillow for Stewart's widow, Tracey.

About the same time the package arrived, the assistant

pastor at First Church, Orlando, received a three-page, handwritten letter from an inmate in southern West Virginia.

Inspired by the WWJD (What Would Jesus Do?) bracelet that Stewart wore at the 1999 U.S. Open, the man told of accepting Christ in prison. He dreams of becoming a better person and asked Collingsworth to pray that God would direct him in the future.

Although requests have slowed, the church still receives orders for the video of Stewart's October 1999 memorial service. To date, 15,000 copies have been shipped around the world.

"It seems every time I turn around God has given me openings to share the Gospel," said Collingsworth, who has led so many in prayers to receive Christ as a result of Stewart's death that he has lost count.

Strangers have talked to him about Stewart and the Lord at airports or on shuttle buses. Last spring he witnessed to a bellhop at the Nashville's Opryland Hotel after the employee learned he was from Orlando and was a golf enthusiast.

"It's a great entree," Collingsworth said. "I don't bring it up but other people do. It's been pretty amazing how it continues. Now I'm hearing from people who are reading the book."

Published by Broadman & Holman and written by Tracey Stewart with well-known author Ken Abraham, the authorized biography was released last June. It reached number one in Christian bookstore sales that month.

Despite the outpouring of reaction to the popular golfer's death, Collingsworth is careful to remind people that several other families are still grieving.

Still, Stewart was the key figure in stirring intense public reaction. Some people are still visiting First Church because they watched his memorial service on television.

Among those affected by the memorial service is Glenn Graham. Although not a member, he has been attending First Church regularly since last year.

The Orlando chiropractor had been an admirer of Stewart since 1997, when he went to a professional tournament. He

noticed the golfer seemed to be having a good time and appreciated the fanfare instead of resenting it like some pros.

Graham felt the same admiration as he watched the service on television. He still cannot fully explain those feelings.

"There was something drawing me and I can't say if it was J.B.'s tie, Jim Henry's shoes, or Paul Azinger doing his thing," Graham said. "It was like a higher power said, 'Watch this and get something out of it.' I feel like I was going through spiritual exploration in my life."

A couple days later he called Collingsworth, who invited him to breakfast. Raised in a Methodist church, the 37-year-old businessman said it was the first time he met a pastor who was "approachable."

After the meal, they walked outside and talked some more. The discussion concluded with Graham praying to receive Jesus as his Savior.

"I feel it's made my life more simple," he said. "It allowed me to take some of the stress and tension off my own shoulders. I can rely on Christ and know that he's there for me."

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Clue: H = N

Have fun with cryptography and exercise your Bible knowledge. A King James Version Bible verse has been encoded by letter substitution. The same letter is substituted throughout the puzzle. Solve by trial and error. Answer to last week's puzzle: Genesis Twenty-Two: Eight.



FOND MEMORIES — A joyous moment with the late Payne Stewart (left) is shared by J.B. Collingsworth (right) of First Church, Orlando, and his wife Shugie. (BP Photo)